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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : CASTELLACCI
PCT No. : PCT/IT01/00387
For : A NEEDLE OF...
Dated : March 21, 2002

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Attached please find Form PTO-1449 together with the references as stated in the International Search Report.

- EP 0 852 127 A1 having the publication date of July 8, 1998, discloses a biopsy device. This reference is cited under Category A, and is relevant to International claim 1.

- U.S. 4,785,826 having the issue date of November 22, 1988, discloses a biopsy instrument. This reference is cited under Category A, and is relevant to International Claim 1.

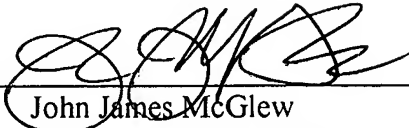
- U.S. 4,926,877 having the issue date of May 22, 1990, discloses a biopsy needle with completely closable cutting end bore. This reference is cited under Category A, and is relevant to International Claim 1.

- SU 1537232 having the publication date of January 23, 1990, is cited under Category A and is relevant to International Claim 1. No translation is available at this time.

Consideration of these references is requested.

Respectfully submitted
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